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The Honourable Steve Clark Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark,

On behalf of the County of Middlesex and the local municipalities within Middlesex County, I am writing to thank you for approving our applications for project implementation and third-party review funding under the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program.

This funding, provided towards our Joint Asset Management System Solution; Joint Payroll, Human Resources and Scheduling Solutions; Joint Development Review and Approval Process Modernization; and Joint Procurement Process Review, will allow us to continue to modernize service delivery and find administrative efficiencies within our municipalities.

As we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic and prepare for the realities of the post Covid-19 world, we appreciate the Ford government's continued support for small and rural municipalities, and we look forward to carrying out the important work that funding under the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will enable.

Yours truly,

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Cathy Burghardt-Jesson Warden Middlesex County Mayor Lucan Biddulph